

REMARKS

Overview

Claims 1-45 are pending in the present application. This response is an earnest effort to advance the application to allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Reinstated Claims

The reinstatement of claims 20, 22, 29 and 32-42 is gratefully acknowledged.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection

The rejections to claims 1, 7, 9, 20, 21, 29 and 32-42 under 35 U.S. § 112 section of the action have been addressed in the above-amended claims.

Specifically, an indication of the direction of taper is added to claim 1. Similar changes have been made to claims 7 and 21.

Claim 21 has been restructured grammatically to address the issues raised in the Office Action and remedy them.

Claim 9 has been cancelled mooted any rejection to it.

Claims 20, 29, and 32-42 have been revised to make the term consistent with the base claim from which they depend.

Claim 29 has also been amended to clarify the terminology "pole section".

Finally, claim 31 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

It is submitted that all § 112 matters have been remedied.

35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103 Rejections of Claims 43-45

These claims have been rejected on the basis of Okuto '498 (of record) or Centrecon, Inc. publication in view of Okuto (both of record). These rejections are respectfully traversed. However, in order to advance prosecution of the present application, these claims have been cancelled without prejudice to pursue them in a related application.

Allowable Subject Matter

The finding of allowability of claims 1-42 if appropriately rewritten is gratefully acknowledged. It is submitted that the claims are in allowable form.

Conclusion

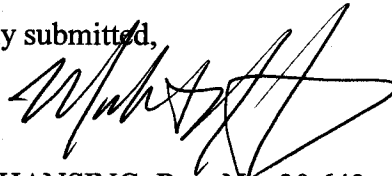
It is respectfully submitted all matters raised in the Office Action have been addressed and remedied and that the application is in form for allowance.

This is also a request to extend the period for filing a response in the above-identified application for two months from June 7, 2006 to August 7, 2006. Applicant is a large entity; therefore, please charge Deposit Account No. 26-0084 the amount of \$450.00 to cover the cost of the two month extension.

It is not believed any additional fee and/or extension of time is required for entry of this response, but if any has been inadvertently overlooked, please consider this a request therefore and charge any required fee to Deposit Account 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark D. Hansing', written over the text 'Respectfully submitted,'.

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